

# The Caledonian Mercury.

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*A Thousand spiritual Creatures walk the Earth  
Unseen, both when we wake, and when we sleep. Milt.*

**T**HE Belief of Guardian Angels is not a whimsical or upstart Notion, but may be plainly proved, not only from Reason, and the inspir'd Writings, but also from the common Consent of all Nations, both *Indian, Pagan and Christian*: For tho' they differ in Particulars, yet their various Opinions generally tend to this, that there are such Things as *invisible Tutelary Spirits* upon the Earth. The *Greek Writers*, and *Plato* especially, speak very often of *Aerial Creatures*, whom they call *Demones*, which are the same as the *Genii* among the *Latins*. And in the ancient Coins of *Trajan* there is seen a Genius, holding in his Right Hand a Cup, which he spreads over an Altar strew'd with Flowers. And in those of the celebrated *Dioclesian*, you may see a Man with a Cornucopia in his Right Hand, and a Whip in his Left, with this Inscription, *Gen. P. R. i. e. Genius Populi Romani*. Nor did they think that only Empires, Kingdoms and Cities had their Genius, but also private Persons; as is evident from that memorable Story that *Philostratus* mentions in the Life of *Apollinius*: He says, That that great Philosopher was so strongly protected by the secret Power of some over ruling Being, that *Domitian* was not able to take away his Life, tho' he used all the Methods possible; nay, *Suidas* affirms, that in Confidence of his mighty Genius, he repeted these Words as he left the Palace; *Thou shalt not take away my Life because I am protected by Fate*. *Plutarch* also relates a Story much to this Purpose in his *Lives*: He tells us, That *M. Anthony*, having been unsuccessful in all his Attempts against *Cesar*, at length consulted the *Egyptian Magi*; they answered him, That his Genius, which was powerful and lofty of it self, when it approached that of *Octavius*, grew timorous and dispirited. *Apuleius* speaks of an Airy Demon that always attended *Socrates*, who never forsook him, and always forbad him to proceed in any Action that would prove unfortunate in the End. I could bring a Thousand Instances out of the Heathen Poets, but these are sufficient; yet I cannot

bat mention, how it was a receiv'd Tenet among them, That every one's Genies came into the World and expired with him. No Wonder then, that we find that Expression so frequent, of indulging their Genius, since the Life of the one depended on that of the other. By this you see they had a Notion of something, and that 'mongst an infinite deal of Rubbish, there lies something valuable at the Bottom.

But we who can distinguish between what is true and fabulous, plainly behold the Deputation of Angels over the Sons of Adam: The Sacred Pages, a Fountain clear, pure and unmuddied, speak of it as of a Thing never contested; and that not only over Places, but particular Persons. And surely this is a Doctrine that any rational Man will assent to; for since all acknowledge, that the Earth does swarm with infernal Spirits; whose sole Employment is to corrupt and ruin Man, 'tis certainly not only convenient, but highly necessary, That we should have *Celestial Guardians* continually with us, both to resist those black malicious Agents, and instill a Love to Goodness and Virtue.

And I'm perswaded, were we not hindred by our gross corporeal Organs, we might see a prodigious Number of Devils on one Side, and on the other, to speak in *Milton's* Dialect,

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we should be amazed at the mighty Pain and Affluity both Parties take; the One, to destroy, and the Other, to save us.

Now the Opinion of all the Primitive Fathers, and most Modern Divines, is, That every Person has an Angel assigned him, from his Birth to his Interment; which if true, as just Cause we have to think so, it should deter us from doing any Thing base or filthy, and incite us to a constant Habit in Virtue: For how odious and distasteful must it be to those pure and spiritualized Creatures, whose Felicity consists in Wisdom and Holiness, to see wretched Man indulging himself in Vices that Nature blushes at, and lulling himself in irrecoverable Destruction! Surely the Consideration of this will hinder a Man, who has not utterly extinguished the

*Divina particulam aura.* Hor.

from doing ill, and force him to curb his irregular

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Passions; for who would not be ashamed to do that in the Sight of the glorious Angels, for which he would be filled with Confusion before the vilest Man.

Perhaps some may object, that if there were such tutelary Spirits, we should not see so many dreadful Accidents, nor would Vice and Immorality be so predominant; but let such Men observe, that the Ways of Providence are not open to us, and that there is a secret Chain of Causes that is held by the supreme Being, who knows why he does every Thing.

Besides, the Angels only suggest and advise, but do not compel us: And if a Man will be deaf to all their soft Entreaties, there's no Reason he should be happy against his Will. Now we may suppose, that where they see one incorrigible, with a Soul too harsh and rugged to be prevailed upon, they'll forsake him, and leave to his own deprav'd Inclinations, and the Direction of those gloomy Spirits that continually haunt him; and will either Return to their own happy Residence, or protect another more deserving.

Let none therefore spend their Time in doubting whether there are *Guardian Angels*, and say 'tis a mere Conjecture: What! will you believe nothing but what has ocular Demonstration? Or, is it not more your Duty to believe Things invisible than those you see every Day? You'll own, it does not contradict Religion, but rather advance it. Besides, it was believed in all Ages, as well in the darker Times of heathen Ignorance, as in the glorious evangelick Light. Observe how our blessed Saviour, speaking of Children, says, *their Angels are before my Father's Face*. Read the famous Passage of St. Peter's Deliverance out of Prison, when, upon his knocking at the Door, they cried out, *it is his Angel*. But many Arguments are needless: I, for my Part, am so settled in this Opinion, that I never desire to be confuted; since this alone, in the most uneasy Circumstances of my Life, has afforded me inconceivable Pleasure. Let any one judge how incredibly delightful it must be, to know that we have always so illustrious an Attendant, as a Witness to our good Actions; That we have no Cause to dread such Casualties, since we are protected by so potent a Being, who, in the Day directs us for the best, and in the Night hovers o'er the Bed, chases away all impure Thoughts and terrifying Dreams, and makes our Slumbers calm and undisturbed. Let us doubt no longer, but rather strive to imitate their excellent Qualities, that they may take a Pleasure in our Company, and never forsake

us. These blessed Guardians will still such a Complacency and secret Satisfaction, that we shall despise the empty Trifles of the World, and be ravished with the more amiable and nobler Charms of Religion. They will, with a gentle Violence, deter us from impending Danger; and, in our latest Hour, will mitigate our Pains, and make the Agonies and Tortures of Death less bitter: Nor after they have followed us to the Confines of the Grave, will their Cares cease here; for at the last Day, the same Angels gathering up our scattered Particles, shall give in a favourable Account of our Actions. And now, tho' their Care for our Welfare shall last no longer, because needless, yet their ardent Love shall continue as long as the Circle of Eternity.

*From the London Gazette, Sept. 3.*

*Madrid, Aug. 26.* The Count de Taboda, Major General in his Catholick Majesty's Service, having been appointed Governor of the Groynne, is gone to command the Troops in Galicia. The Count de Montemar, Lieutenant-General, has been ordered to repair to St. Andero, to command the Troops in the Province, and upon the Coast of Biscay.

*Brussels, Sept. 7.* We have an Account from Ostend, that near 2000 Men are kept at Work on the new Basin there, in order to finish it this Year. That Basin will not only serve to hold 50 Ships, but also to clear the Mouth of the River; and besides, a Canal is intended to be cut on the West-Side of the Town, as formerly, by which Means, the Bank before the Harbour will be carried off, as it was effectually heretofore. On the 3d Inst. the Magistrates of this Place went in a Body to compliment Baron Zumjungen on his Arrival here, and on his Promotion to the Command of the Forces in those Parts, & made him the usual Present of Wine.

*From the St. James's Evening-Post, Sept. 3.*

*Madrid, Aug. 26.* The Duke of Wharton, since his Marriage, lives with his Lady at Caramanchel in this Neighbourhood of this Place. He gives out, that he will set out for Rome in a Fortnight: He has not yet received his Lady's Portion from Court as Dressing-woman to the Queen; for his Maintenance, he has drawn a Bill of 500 Pistoles on the Pretender's Banker at Rome.

*London, Sept. 3.* Mr. James Hart is appointed his Majesty's Almoner for Scotland.

Mr. James Alston (Minister of Dirleton) is appointed one of his Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary for Scotland.

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*Wye's Letter, verbatim, Sept. 6.*

*Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland, and one from Flanders, and this Day one from France.*

AS the Accession of Sweden to the Hanover Treaty cannot but highly contribute towards settling the Peace and the Tranquillity of the North, so we are impatient to know what Resolutions will be taken thereupon by the States of that Kingdom, who are to assemble this Month. Mean-time we're told, that the Terms upon which Sweden has ratified the Emperor's Accession to the Treaty of Newstadt, are, That if after the Conclusion and Ratification of this Treaty, it happens that the Countries or Provinces of either of the contracting Powers should come to be attacked by the Arms of some Christian Prince, under any Pretence whatsoever; then either of the contracting Powers shall be indispensibly obliged to furnish the Succours agreed on. And in the Defensive Alliance between Russia and Sweden, to which the Emperor has also acceded, 'tis stipulated and provided in the 16th Paragraph, That the preceeding Treaties shall remain in full Force, as being in nowise contrary to the said Alliance.

But the Accession of the States General to the Treaty of Hanover, notwithstanding some People speaks so slightly with respect to the Terms upon which that Accession was made, does so much embarrass the Court of Vienna, and those in Confederacy with it, that they will, no Doubt, be obliged to alter their Measures.

On the 28th Sir John Jennings arrived in the Tagus, and was saluted by the Forts Gun for Gun. The next Day he had a private Audience of the K. of Portugal, and was graciously received; and his Majesty was pleased to tell him, that any Number of Ships of the K. of G. Britain, were welcome to his Ports without Restraint in Respect to Treaties; and that he might Depend on what Refreshments he needed: Which being done accordingly Sir John Jennings intended to put to Sea on the 1st Instant.

On the 21st past the British Envoy at Stockholm received an Express from London, with Dispatches for Admiral Wager, and which was sent by a light Vessel, and the said Minister had also Audience of the King, in which he declared, That his Britannick Majesty had judged it necessary to order the said Admiral to remain in the Baltick as long as the Season will permit, to watch the Russian of Death.

Fleet, and therefore desired, that all Assistance and Succours might be given to his Fleet, in Case it should be obliged to put into the Ports of Sweden.

*Edinburgh, Aug. 29.* Alexander Abercromby, Esq; had on the 29th of last Month a Son and 2 Daughters inoculated for the Small Pox, &c. [as before] The Lords of Justiciary have sentenced 4 Gipsies for Robbery, Murder, &c.

A Pardon is passing the Seals for Sir Gilbert Elliot, for killing Colonel Stuart in Scotland.

Yesterday-morning at 7 the King went thorow Putney, in order to have the Diversion of shooting in Richmond-park.

Tomorrow the first Regiment of Foot Guards is to be reviewed in Hide-park by General Wills.

The Duke of Chandois is going to build a fine House at the Bath.

On the 6th past the Lime Man of War arrived at Gibraltar from Lisbon. Mean-time 'tis said the Lord Carpenter is upon his Return home.

*From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Sept. 6.*

*Hague, Sept. 12.* Letters from Italy say, That the Pretender was preparing to go and spend some Time at Bologna.

*London, Sept. 6.* Sir Hew Dalrymple of North-Berwick, Uncle to the Earl of Stairs, &c. is arrived here from Edinburgh together with his Son, and was Yesterday introduc'd to his Majesty at Kensington. 'Tis said he is come to resign his Place of Lord President of the Session on account of his great Age, he being near 80.

*From the St. James's Evening Post Sept. 6.*

*Stockholm, Aug. 28.* There is no Appearance that the Act of Accession to the Treaty of Hanover will be signed, till the same is communicated to the Diet.

*Petersburg, Aug. 20.* A Fregat is arrived here from Revel with Advice, that the Fleets are still in the same Posts, but that the Seas began to be very stormy; and as the Coasts of Finland are full of Shelves, 'tis not doubted but the united Squadrons will shortly be obliged to steer either towards the Sound, or the Road of Dantzick. A great Sum of Money is sent hence for the Pay of the Troops on board our Men of War and Galleys. And we are assured, that our Fleet is ordered to furnish themselves with Provisions for 6 Weeks.

*London, Sept. 6.* On Saturday the Sessions ended at Old Bailey, when 12 Malefactors received Sentence

*From*



*From the Daily Journal, Sept. 6.*

*Stockholm, Aug. 21.* The Foreign Ministers are busied in recommending the Interest of their Principals to the Senate. Our Squadron at Carelsroon will not be laid up till we hear that the Confederate Fleet is retired out of the East Sea. No Time is lost in building our new Men of War; and 'tis said that the King will propose to the Senate, the Augmentation of the Marine.

*London, Sept. 6.* We hear that Provisions for six Weeks are ordered to be transported with all possible Expedition to Sir Charles Wager in the Bay of Revel.

*From the Flying Post, Sept. 6.*

*London, Sept. 6.* We hear Mr. Mahomet is gone to the Bath for his Health.

*Leith, Sept. 10.* A great many fine Horses are come here to run for the different Plates upon the 17th, 19th & 20th Instant, and several more are expected; which has occasioned divers of the Nobility and Gentry to repair to Edinburgh and Leith, to divert themselves with seeing the Horses air'd Morning and Evening. And 'tis believed, upon these Occasions the Company will be exceeding numerous, and the Diversion very good.

## ADVERTISEMENT S.

¶ That the Houses, Cellars, Malt-Barns, Kiln and Coble, Byres, &c. which belonged to, and were for many Years kept as a public Inn at FERRY-PARTON-CRAIGS by the now deceased Daniel Sharp Vintner there, are to be set or sold at the Term of Martinmas or Whitsunday next to come; That the present Proprietor is now making several Reparations and Improvements about the said Houses, &c. which will render them not only more commodious than heretofore, for the Entertainment of Passengers at that Ferry, but also more convenient and profitable for the Possessor. Any who intends to take a Tack of, or Purchase these Houses, may enquire for Mr. Alexander Walker of St. Fort, at St. Fort, near Ferry-parton-craigs, or for William Sellers Writer in Edinburgh, at the Exchange Coffee-house in Edinburgh, where they will see the Progress and Conditions, either of a Tack or Purchase.

¶ Lost near Fordice in Bamff-Shire, a little Diamond Ring, with three Stones in it, the middle one being somewhat larger than the other two, black set, about 10 or 12 L. Value. Whoever brings the same, or stops it if offered to be sold, and gives Advertisement thereof to Mr. George Brown at Fordice, or Mr. Monro Bookseller in Edinburgh, by Word or Mistle Letter, shall have twenty Shillings Reward, and no Questions asked.

\* \* That there is to the Number of 280 Trees all fine large old Planting, consisting of ASHES, PLAINS, and ELMS, growing on the West Side of the Orchard of Inver-

paray, close upon the North Side of the Water of Earn, and within ten Miles of the Town of Perth, are to be exposed to Sale by Way of Roup, within the Dwelling House of Duncan Morison at Kirkhill of Inverparay, upon Tuesday the 18th Day of October next, betwixt the Hours of 10 and 12 in the Forenoon. Any that has a Mind to see the said Timber, may call at the said Duncan Morison, at any Time betwixt and the Day of the Roup, who will shew them the same distinctly.

Just Published,

Dr. THOMAS SIMSON (Chandos Professor of Medicine at St. Andrew's) his Book; containing Four Dissertations: Wherein, amongst many other Observations on the *Theory and Practice of Medicine*, the Author undertakes to prove, 1. That few Diseases proceed from vitiated Humors. 2. That no Disease is to be cured by the Correction of the Humors. 3. That the Effects of the Cold upon the human Body, are owing to the Disproportion it causes amongst the Vessels of the Body; where Dr. KEIL's Problems on this Head are fully demonstrated, without any Regard either to the insensible Perspiration, (which the Doctor justly rejected) or yet to any Malignity of the Humours, which he suspected as the Cause. To be sold by John Paton Bookseller in the Parliament-Clois, Price 3 sh. N. B. The above Dr. Simson is to begin his Lectures on Boerhaave's Aphorisms and Institutions at St. Andrew's, the 10th of November next.

¶ At Edinburgh, on the first Wednesday of November next, the Professors of MEDICINE will open their usual Colleges on the following Branches of Medicine, which makes up a complete System of that Science, viz. *Anatomy*, Human and Comparative, *Chirurgical Operations and Bandages*; by Mr. Alexander Monro, P. A. & F. R. S. in the Anatomical Theatre of the University. — *Materia Medica & methodus prescribendi*, by Dr. Charles Alston, P. B. R. and Pr. Simpl. in the Physicians Hall; who also in the Summer teaches *Botany* in the Physick-garden. — The *Institutions of Medicine*, as digested by the celebrated Herman Boerhaave; explained and illustrated by Dr. Andrew St. Clair and Dr. John Rutherford, Med. Theor. & Pract. P. P. — The *Practice of Medicine*, or an Explanation of Boerhaave's Aphorisms, *de cognoscendis & curandis morbis*; by Dr. John Innes and Dr. Andrew Plummer, Med & Chim. P. P. — A complete Course of *Chimistry*, Theoretical and Experimental, according to the same Author's Method, demonstrated by the said Four Professors. — These three Parts of Medicine are taught in the Chymical Laboratory adjoining to the University.

¶ There is to be sold at John Bell's Cooper in Leith, good Scots BUSH HERRINGS, at the following Prices. The best Sort cured with Foreign Salt that has paid the Excise, at twenty eight Pounds Scots the Barrel; and the same Sort of Herrings cured with Scots Salt, at twenty four Pounds Scots, the second Sort at twenty Pounds Scots, and the third Sort at eighteen Pounds Scots, Half Barrels, and Firkins of all, in Proportion.

### The COUNCIL of the HUNTERS

Hereby advertise the Companions of their Order, That the Hunting Field for this Season is at Ayre, and the Companions are desired to be there on the second Tuesday of October, to be present at the annual Meeting next Morning.